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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN STATE AND
LOCAL POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF
PROVIDERS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL
BASIS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-294r of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 [On and after October 1, 2014, (1) each] Each police basic or review
4 training program conducted or administered by the Division of State
5 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
6 Protection, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council,
7 established under section 7-294b, or a municipal police department in
8 the state shall include a course of not less than two hours on handling
9 incidents involving (1) an individual affected with a serious mental
10 illness, and (2) [each review training program conducted by such
11 agencies shall make provisions for such a course] an individual
12 affected with a developmental disability.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) Not later than October 1,

14 2017, each municipality shall, within available appropriations, employ
15 or contract for the services of at least one provider of mental health
16 services who is (1) experienced in working with individuals affected
17 with a serious mental illness and individuals affected with a
18 developmental disability, and (2) available on an on-call basis, twenty-
19 four hours a day, seven days a week, to advise or accompany any
20 police officer of the municipality's police department who requests
21 assistance in responding to an incident involving such an individual.
22 Such municipal police department may also utilize the provider's
23 services on a ride-along when the department anticipates an officer
24 will encounter such an individual during the officer's shift. For
25 purposes of this section, "ride-along" means an arrangement for the
26 provider of mental health services to accompany a police officer while
27 such officer is on patrol in a police vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	7-294r
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) state and local police training programs to provide training on handling incidents involving individuals affected with a developmental disability and to require the duration of training on individuals affected with a serious mental illness or developmental disability to be not less than two hours; and (2) on-call mental health services providers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]